Global Development Commons

Connect. Collaborate. Prosper.

The Global Development Commons is a call to the international development community to improve collaboration through the use of innovative technologies. The Commons creates opportunities to gather data, share knowledge, forge partnerships, and make better decisions. By connecting, more people can create and benefit from prosperity.

What Does the Commons Do?

- **Shares** development information among those who need it most
- **Builds** communities around advanced tools for the dissemination and interpretation of information
- **Innovates** through competitions designed to bring the best new technology into development work
- **Partners** with other development actors, including companies, donors, governments, and non-governmental organizations, to heighten access to the best quality development knowledge
- **Invites** new actors with affordable ways to engage in trade, development decision-making, and the pursuit of economic growth

Examples of How USAID is Catalyzing the Commons

- **Using advanced mapping systems to identify needs and opportunities and inform decision-marking** around the African trade corridors and disaster response in Bangladesh
- **Launching the 2008 USAID Development 2.0 Challenge** to invite innovators to propose cutting-edge solutions to development problems
- **Partnering with the Government of Rwanda** to build a collaborative system to disseminate teacher curriculum electronically, and identify all donor activity in the educational sector
- **Upgrading USAID's own search tools** so that people are better able to search and share development information
- **Collaborating with private partners to connect villagers** to broadband internet in Vietnam and West Africa
- **Exploring partnerships that improve access to the rural poor** to market information, health resources, and education

USAID seeks partners who share a vision of the Commons. Together, we can find solutions to development challenges.

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